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- 6. Except for the officers, who had spaulets, the Tradovak soldiers were no epaulets. They had black collar patches with rank insignia. Privates had no rank insignia while acting corporals had one narrow yellow stripe, corporals one yellow stripe of medium width, sergeants two narrow yellow stripes and technical sergeants one wery wide yellow stripe.
- 7. In 1951, the men serving with the Trudovaks were members of the 1930 class inducted in 1950. After May 1951, they included members of the 1931 class and a limited number of members of older classes. The men were in a rather depressed mood because of the high working quotas they had to fulfill.

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- 8. From May to September 1950, Trudovak Unit, worked at the building site of a state-run power plant north of Pernik. The unit included the headquarters and three platoons each of six 10-man brigades. It was located in Pernik and belonged to the IV Trudovak Battalion stationed at Pernik, which was still designated as the IV Group at that time.
- 9. From September to December 1950. Trudovak Unit, which had the same T/O as Trudovak Unit, and also belonged to the IV Trudovak Battalion, worked on road construction approximately 20 kilometers west of Dupnitsa. The unit bivouacked in tents near a village.
- 10. From May to December 1950, the IV Trudovak Battalion was subordinate to the VII Trudovak District Headquarters stationed at Bankya (N 42-42, E 23-08), about 10 kilometers west of Sofia.
- 11. From January to March 1951, Trudovak Unit, worked on the construction of field fortifications on the Greek border, about six kilometers southeast of Nevrokop, and from April to September 1951, on the construction of field fortifications on the Yugoslav border, southeast and southwest of True.
- 12. From January to September 1951, Trudovak Unit belonged to Trudovak Battalion, which moved to Trun in April 1951.

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In May 1950, the members of Trudevak Unit, training of only two weeks including parading and saluting and excluding training with weapons. When a Trudevak soldier had been displaced by Yugoslav agents after April 1951, Trudevak Unit, was equipped with about 60 50X1-HUM rifles, which were issued mainly to members of the DSNM (Dimitrovski Siyus na Narodnata Mladesh; Dimitrov's Union of the People's Youth). The men regularly received political indectrination on Communist leaders, the Communist constitution and current political problems during employment.

- 15. The clothing of the Trudovaks included a fatigue uniform and a dress uniform which included a dark-green overcoat. The fatigue uniforms consisted of blue overalls, rubber shoes and a cap. The dress uniform was army style and included ski trousers of green fabric, a blouse, a visorless garrison cap with a shovel and pickaxe emblem topped by a red five-pointed star device and a leather belt with a buckle inscribed "We construct we watch."
- 16. Meals included breakfast consisting of tea, bread and jam, a soup for lunch and either one course of broth or two courses of meatless soup for supper.
- 17. Most Trudovaks disliked the Communist regime. Each platoon included some members of the DSNM who mostly served as brigade leaders and informed their superiors on the efficiency of the individual servicemen.

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